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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Shelly John MECHERY, et al. ART UNIT: 2874  
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FOR: OPTICAL SENSING ELEMENTS FOR NITROGEN DIOXIDE (NO<sub>2</sub>)  
GAS DETECTION, A SOL-GEL METHOD FOR MAKING THE  
SENSING ELEMENTS AND FIBER OPTIC SENSORS  
INCORPORATING NITROGEN DIOXIDE GAS OPTICAL SENSING  
ELEMENTS

**AMENDMENT**

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SIR:

Responsive to the outstanding Office Action dated January 24, 2006, entry of the  
following amendments is kindly requested.